

Ranger Guided Discovery Hikes



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Each hike is limited to 11 people. You must sign-up at the Denali Visitor Center Information Desk. Proper gear and purchase of a Discovery Hike shuttle bus ticket are required.

<p><u>Saturday, August 16</u> Ranger : Jen Raffaeli Elevation Gain : 1000 ft. Difficulty : Moderate Location : Mile 37</p>	<p><u>The Challenges and Rewards of Cathedral Peak</u> Join us for a pleasant climb up Cathedral Peak. We'll take our time to search for wildlife, appreciate the vistas, and uncover the beauty of tiny tundra plants. We'll ponder the challenges and rewards Denali has to offer to everyone that inhabits (or visits) here.</p>
<p><u>Sunday, August 17</u> Ranger : Jori Welchans Elevation Gain : 1000 ft. Difficulty : Moderate Location : Mile 33</p>	<p><u>Explore Denali's Igloo</u> Through the forest and up Igloo we'll go, to the Dall sheep's home, don't ya know! Be prepared for a moderately strenuous climb, wet feet and whatever else Denali has to offer. Bring raingear, sturdy boots, lots of water and a good lunch!</p>
<p><u>Monday, August 18</u> Ranger : Casey Merritt Elevation Gain : 700 ft. Difficulty : Strenuous Location : Mile 65</p>	<p><u>The Gorge Creek Groove</u> You'll be amazed at how far your own two little feet can take you. Come trek across the tundra and follow Gorge Creek into a spectacular hidden valley seen more often by caribou than people. Immerse yourself in the song of the wilderness for a day!</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, August 19</u> Ranger : Jamie Milliken Elevation Gain : 865 ft. Difficulty : Moderate Location : Mile 34</p>	<p><u>A Well Rounded Denali Adventure</u> Join me as we tackle all Denali has to offer. We will cross a fast moving stream, do some bushwhacking, walk up a rock filled drainage, and finally we will top a ridge with some great views of the surrounding country-side. Then we'll do it all in reverse as we come back!</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, August 20</u> Ranger : Jennifer Updyke Elevation Gain : 2000 ft. Difficulty : Strenuous Location : Mile 64</p>	<p><u>Gravel Gateway</u> Be prepared to go up, up and up. We will explore the ridges of Gravel Mountain and discover the meaning of wilderness values. This trek will require a hearty lunch and smiles all the way. Even for the ranger!</p>
<p><u>Thursday, August 21</u> Ranger : Dan Irelan Elevation Gain : 800' Difficulty : Moderate Location : Mile 45</p>	<p><u>Polychrome Passage</u> Today we will traverse some high tundra slopes on Polychrome Mountain, in search of big views, the last remaining wildflowers and other secrets of the tundra -- not too strenuous, but definitely a workout. Make sure you have sturdy boots and good raingear.</p>
<p><u>Friday, August 22</u> Ranger : Brandie Cheatham Elevation Gain : 1800 ft. Difficulty : Strenuous Location : Mile 64</p>	<p><u>Thoroughly Thorofare</u> We are headed up, up, and away from the road on this adventure! We will begin at the banks of Little Stony Creek, climb onto the inviting tundra benches of Thorofare Mountain, and just keep going up. Join me for a strenuous yet rewarding hike.</p>
<p><u>Saturday, August 23</u> Ranger : Michael Raffaeli Elevation Gain : 1500 ft. Difficulty : Strenuous! Location : Mile 38</p>	<p><u>Climb the Mountains and Get Their Good Tidings!</u> Come explore what resides on the slopes (and top?) of Cathedral Mountain. We'll make our way through some brush, scree, and definitely some uphill, taking time to enjoy the tidings that the mountains sing and to see what life exists on the slopes of these mountains.</p>